

AMENDED CLAIM SET

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image sensing apparatus, comprising: ~~comprising~~
an image sensing device for sensing an image of a subject and outputting image data representing the image of the subject;
a display control unit for controlling a display unit in such a manner that the image of the subject represented by the image data output from said image sensing device will be displayed on a display screen;
a designating unit for designating an electronic zoom area in the image of the subject displayed on the display screen;
an electronic zoom device that electronically magnifies the image in the designated electronic zoom area;
a light-emission control unit for controlling a strobe light-emission device in such a manner that the strobe light-emission device illuminates precisely a position of a subject that corresponds to a center point of the designated electronic zoom area, the center point of the designated electronic zoom area being different from a center point of the image of the subject represented by the image data output from said image sensing device ~~a part of the subject that corresponds to an image within the electronic zoom area is illuminated with strobe light, said light control unit changing a light emitting angle of the strobe light emission device based on the electronically magnified image;~~ and

a recording control unit for recording, on a recording medium, image data output from said image sensing device and data indicating position of the electronic zoom area or image data representing the image within the electronic zoom area.

2. (Currently Amended) An image sensing method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

sensing an image of a subject and outputting image data representing the image of the subject;

displaying the image of the subject represented by the obtained image data on a display screen of a display unit;

designating an electronic zoom area in the image of the subject displayed on the display screen;

electronically magnifying the image in the designated electronic zoom area;

illuminating, with strobe light, precisely a position of a subject that corresponds to a center point of the designated electronic zoom area, the center point of the designated electronic zoom area being different from a center point of the image of the subject represented by the image data output from said image sensing device a part of the subject that corresponds to the image within the electronic zoom area, said illuminating step changing a light emitting angle of the strobe light based on the electronically magnified image; and

recording, on a recording medium, image data obtained by image sensing and data indicating position of the electronic zoom area or image data representing the image within the electronic zoom area.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The image sensing apparatus in claim 1, wherein the image comprises a marking that is displayed at a center point of the electronic zoom area.

5. (Previously Presented) The image sensing apparatus of claim 1, wherein said apparatus is a digital still camera.

6. (Previously Presented) The image sensing apparatus of claim 5, wherein said designating unit is a zoom-area designating switch of said digital still camera.

7. (Previously Presented) The image sensing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the electronic zoom device electronically magnifies the image in the designated zoom area by changing a downsampling ratio.

8. (Currently Amended) An image sensing apparatus, comprising:
an image sensing device for sensing an image of a subject and outputting image data representing the image of the subject;
a display control unit for controlling a display unit in such a manner that the image of the subject represented by the image data output from said image sensing device will be displayed on a display screen;

a designating unit for designating an electronic zoom area in the image of the subject displayed on the display screen;

a light-emission control unit for controlling a strobe light-emission device in such a manner that the strobe light-emission device illuminates precisely a position of a subject that corresponds to a center point of the designated electronic zoom area, the center point of the designated electronic zoom area being different from a center point of the image of the subject represented by the image data output from said image sensing device~~a part of the subject that corresponds to an image within the electronic zoom area is illuminated with strobe light~~; and

a recording control unit for recording, on a recording medium, image data output from said image sensing device and data indicating position of the electronic zoom area or image data representing the image within the electronic zoom area;

~~— wherein an optic axis of the strobe light emission unit coincides with a center point of the electronic zoom area.~~

9. (Currently Amended) An image sensing apparatus, comprising:

an image sensing device for sensing an image of a subject and outputting image data representing the image of the subject;

an electronic zoom device that designates an electronic zoom area in the image of the subject and electronically magnifies the image in the designated zoom area; and

a light-emission control unit for controlling ~~a light emitting angle of a~~ strobe light-emission device in accordance with electronically magnified image, such that the strobe light-emission device illuminates precisely a position of a subject that corresponds to a center point of

the designated electronic zoom area, the center point of the designated electronic zoom area being different from a center point of the image of the subject output by the image sensing device.

10. (Previously Presented) The image sensing apparatus of claim 9, wherein the electronic zoom device electronically magnifies the image in the designated zoom area by changing a downsampling ratio.